IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| <i>In re</i> a | pplication of: |) | |
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| For: | IMAGE OUTPUT CONTROL SYSTEM, |) | |
| | IMAGE OUTPUT DEVICE, AND |) C | onfirmation No. 4060 |
| | IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE |) | |
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2009. A response to this Office Action was due on December 16, 2009. Accordingly, Applicant is concurrently submitting a request for a three-month extension of the period for response. Please amend this application as follows:

The Amendments to the Claims made herein are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.